

Soldiers Relief Society records book S2406

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Soldiers Relief Society (LaPorte, Ind.).
Title	Soldiers Relief Society records book
Date	circa 1894
Extent	0.02 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
Text [Folder]	S2406

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

On October 10, 1861, Governor Morton sent out an appeal to the women of Indiana asking for assistance in supplying Hoosier soldiers with shirts, socks, blankets, and other items to help make them comfortable and healthy. The women of La Porte County responded, organizing the Soldiers Relief Society on October 12, 1861. The society sent necessities to the soldiers throughout the Civil War, with the last box sent to a hospital in Memphis, Tennessee on September 13, 1865. The work of women during the Civil War led to the organization in 1883 of the Woman's Relief Corps, an auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.).

Sources:

"Home Page". *The National Woman's Relief Corps*. Accessed July 12, 2016. <http://suvchw.org/WRC/index.htm>.

Schultz, Fern Eddy. "During the Civil War, LaPorte County Was Prepared for Battle and on the Home Front." *What's New, LaPorte?* Last modified September 2, 2009. Accessed July 12, 2016. <http://whatsnewlaporte.com/2009/09/02/during-the-civil-war-laporte-county-was-prepared-for-battle-and-on-the-home-front/>.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes a bound volume containing the records of the Soldiers Relief Society of La Porte County, Indiana ranging from 1861 to 1865. The book was created circa 1894 by Arthur W. Cochran from a 1869 copy made by his mother, H.V. (Andrew) Cochran, a member and assistant to the secretary of the society. The book contains the organization's constitution and an article about the society written for publication by the secretary. During the U.S. Civil War, the society sent a total of 153 boxes to soldiers and the record book notes where each box was sent, the date sent, and what was included. A general summary of box contents and treasurer reports are also included. The record book was presented to the Reunion Association of the Relief Society by Mrs. Cochran and contains her October 10, 1894 handwritten note verifying the accuracy of the information contained in the volume.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Custodial History

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Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Soldiers Relief Society (LaPorte, Ind.).

Geographic Name(s)

- Indiana--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
- LaPorte (Ind.)
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--War work
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Women

Subject(s)

- Charities--Indiana